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BOSTON SOCIETY OF NATURAL HISTORY, February 18.—Mr. E. R. Benton spoke on the Brighton "amygdaloid," and Dr. Wm. M. Davis on the stratified amygdaloids in the Brighton amygdaloid, while Prof. N. S. Shaler remarked on the origin of the various classes of lavas.

March 3.—Prof. G. H. Stone read a paper on the kames of Maine.

MIDDLESEX SCIENTIFIC FIELD CLUB, Malden, Mass., January 7.—Prof. E. A. Dolbeare, of College Hill, Mass., read a paper on radiant energy and its effects. Radiant energy, with Prof. Dolbeare, is synonymous with the terms heat, light, etc.

February 4.—Herbert A. Young, of Revere, Mass., read a paper on insectivorous plants, illustrated by diagrams.

CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, Jan. 11, 1880.—President Davidson in the chair. Mr. B. B. Redding read a paper on "The Buried Treasures of our Remote Ancestors." Prof. Davidson made a verbal communication announcing the results of the Coast Survey Expedition for the observation of the late Solar Eclipse.

Feb. 2.—President Davidson in the chair. Mr. Stillman read the chemical analysis of a secretion of the *Parrya mexicana*, the greasewood or creosote plant, caused by the puncture of an insect; also analysis of the oil of the California laurel or bay tree. J. P. Moore announced that a catalogue of the Fungi of California was about to be published by Dr. Harkness under the auspices of the Academy. Dr. Behr read a paper on the gradual change of the Flora of the San Francisco peninsula, and on the supplanting of the native growths of all countries by those of Europe and Africa, especially the former.

March 1.—Prof. David S. Jordan gave an account of the labors of the Fish Commission on the Pacific coast. Prof. Stillman read an article on the gum and coloring matter found on *Acacia greggi* and *Larrea mexicana*. There was a discussion on the Metric System.

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SELECTED ARTICLES IN SCIENTIFIC SERIALS.

THE CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST.—February. On certain species of *Satyrus*, by W. H. Edwards.

THE GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE.—February. Mr. Hill on the cause of the glacial epoch, by James Croll.

ANNALS AND MAGAZINE OF NATURAL HISTORY.—February. On some blind Amphipoda of the Caspian sea, by Dr. Oscar Grimm.

ZEITSCHRIFT FÜR NATURWISSENSCHAFTLICHE ZOÖLOGIE.—January 23. On the development of the skull of the salamanders, by Ph. Stöhr. On the central nervous system of the crayfish, by K. R. Krieger. On the convolutions of the cerebral hemispheres of the zono-placental mammals, by J. Krueger.